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10 INVENTION: METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAMME PRODUCT  
AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING COMPUTER  
DATA TO AN OUTPUTTING DEVICE

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request  
that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-  
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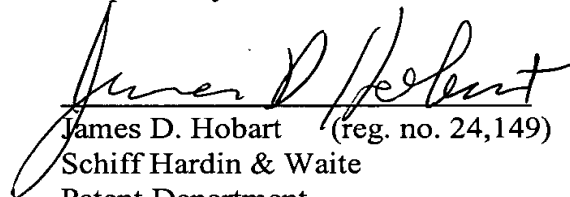
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**DISCUSSION OF RELEVANCE**

Enclosed are copies of the two references cited in the International Search Report. The Examiner's attention is directed to the International Preliminary Examination Report, wherein most of the all claims are found to meet the standards of patentability. Also enclosed are two additional references for the Examiner's review.

Favorable consideration in view of the enclosed art is hereby requested.

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